

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twelfth Annual Session

—OF THE—

South Bethel Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

JACKSON BAPTIST CHURCH,

Jackson, Clarke County, Ala., October 3-6, 1895.

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OFFICERS:

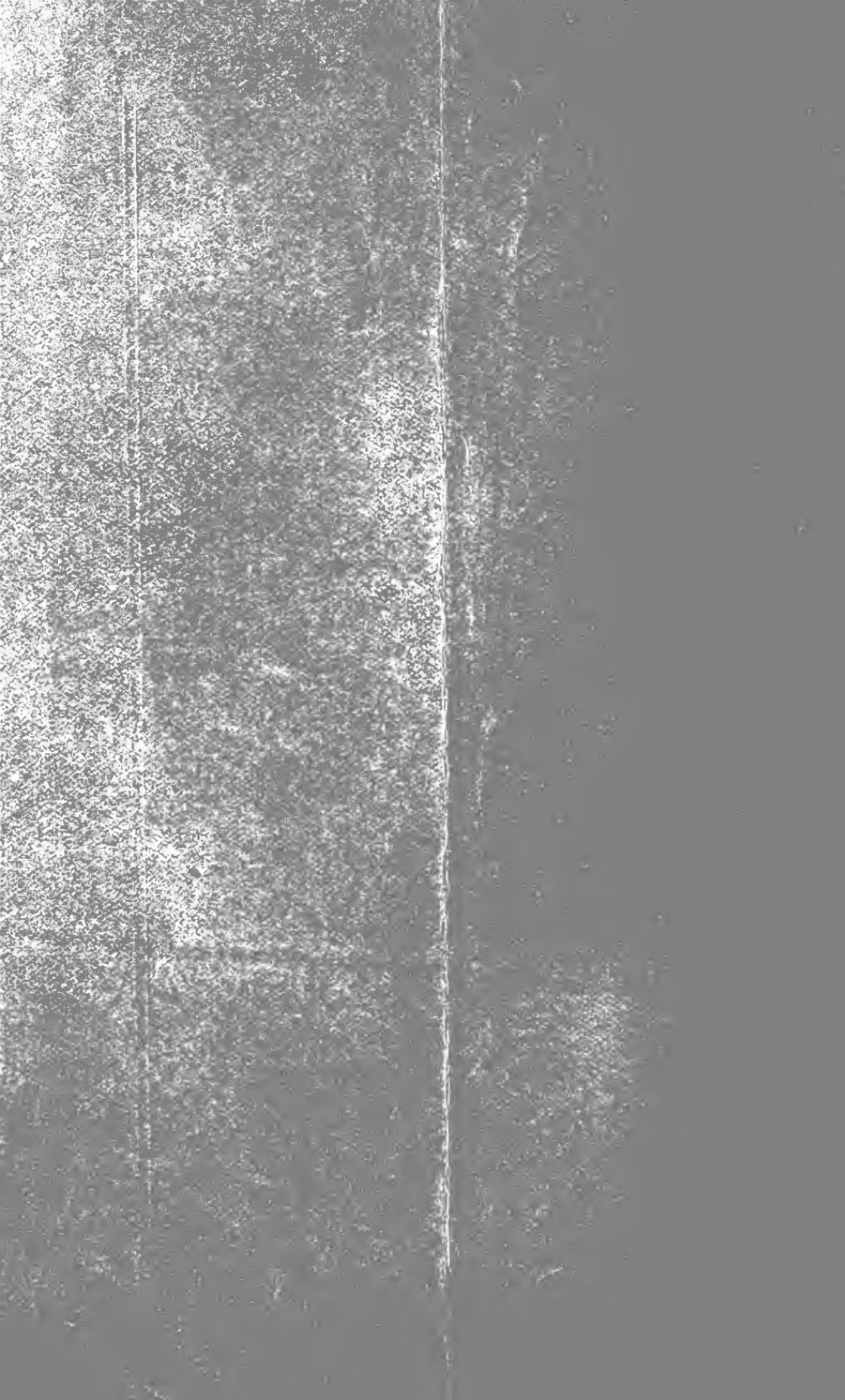
W. H. DEWITT, Moderator.....Nicholsville, Ala.  
J. H. CREIGHTON, Clerk and Treasurer.....Whatley, "

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The next session will be held with Elam Church, Clarke County,  
Alabama, on Thursday before the first Sunday  
in October, 1896.

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ALABAMA BAPTIST,  
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## MINUTES.

The twelfth annual session of the South Bethel Baptist Association was held with the Jackson Baptist church at Jackson, Ala., on the 3d day of October, 1895, 2 p. m.

The opening of the Association was delayed on account of the burning of a trestle on the M. & B. R. R., which delayed the train with the delegates.

In the absence of the Moderator, J. R. Cowan, the Clerk called the Association to order. Prayer by W. H. Dewitt. Brother Dewitt was then chosen temporary Moderator.

On motion, the Introductory sermon was postponed until 7:30 p. m.

The letters from the churches were called for, and read by W. A. Parker, J. H. Fendley and S. A. Adams.

Churches and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Amity—R. J. Rodgers.  
Bassett Creek—J. H. Findley, W. E. Fendley, W. B. Danzey.  
Antioch—J. D. Payne, M. J. Mathews, J. C. Brown.  
Cane Creek—N. F. Champion.  
Salem—R. K. Benson, N. J. Bradford, Jas. T. Bradford.  
Enon—Letter; no messengers.  
Evergreen—Wade Drew, C. C. Daffin.  
Elam—T. L. Williams, W. T. Jarvis.  
Grove Hill—W. D. Dunn, E. S. Pugh, Isaac Pugh.  
Putnam—Robt. Downey, R. T. Singleton.  
Forest Springs—N. J. Ethridge, I. F. Ethridge.  
New Prospect—B. R. Huggins.  
Horeb—J. H. Creighton, T. J. Creighton.  
Jackson—G. S. Chapman, T. I. Kimbell, J. J. Pate.  
Witch Creek—No messengers.  
Midway—C. W. Burge, C. G. Fendley, J. D. Hudson.  
Pine Hill—E. B. Adams, E. L. Swearinger, C. W. Autrey.  
Hopewell—Charles Roberts.  
Mt. Vernon—M. J. Morgan, Miss Jessie Hudson.  
Lower Peach Tree—J. C. Green, M. Adams.  
West Bend—S. A. Cowan, A. J. Pace.  
Peniel—J. A. Belen, J. H. Collins, T. J. Bolen.  
Pleasant Grove—W. Whatley, S. Finch.  
Stave Creek—H. P. W. Howell, J. V. Stringer, R. J. W. Dewitt.  
Hoboken—No messengers present.  
Thomasville—W. A. Parker, W. F. Fields, Charles Studstill.  
Suggsville—R. G. Trawick.  
Mt. Gilead—N. E. Drew, J. C. Guinn, J. W. Moore.

The Association proceeded to elect officers: W. H. Dewitt was elected Moderator, and J. H. Creighton, elected Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator called for corresponding messengers, and

the following were enrolled: Rev. A. J. Dickinson from the Selma Association, representative of the State Board of Missions; J. W. Dickinson and S. O. Y. Ray, from the Cahaba Association; J. W. Stewart, representative of the Orphan's Home.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report during the session:

On Preaching—G. S. Chapman, pastor and deacons of Jackson church.

On Finance—W. M. Mobley, S. A. Cowan, H. P. W. Howell.

On Nominations, Documents and Requests—T. L. Williams, N. J. Ethridge, W. F. Fields.

On Apportionment—J. H. Creighton, S. A. Adams, W. A. Parker.

R. K. Benson read the following report on Bible and Colportage Work:

#### REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

The Word of God since its revelation to man has been of inestimable value to mankind. It has been opened as the great fountain of all wisdom, from which thousands have drank of its pure waters to their full satisfaction, and has been used as a means in the hands of men for the accomplishment of untold good to the world. It is the light of the world, and was given to illuminate the mind of fallen man, and guide his erring feet into the way of all truth. It is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth; hence the importance of its dissemination. Nothing has been done this year that we know of, by this Association, in that direction.

Our churches have taken but little interest in the work, it seems from the meagre contributions sent up by them. Only \$12.05 report in the letters. We are at a loss to know just what ought to be done, but would recommend that a committee of three be appointed by this body to take the matter into consideration and formulate some plan by which more may be accomplished in that direction in the future than has been in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

R. K. BENSON, Chairman.

After remarks by A. J. Dickinson and S. A. Adams the report was adopted, and W. A. Parker, R. K. Benson and S. A. Adams were appointed to carry out the recommendations of the report.

The Association adjourned to meet 7:30 p. m.

7:30 P. M. Association met, and W. A. Parker preached the Introductory sermon. 3 John 8, "That we might be fellow helpers to the truth." Adjourned till 10 a. m. Friday.

## SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by W. E. Fendley.

The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read by J. H. Fendley.

### REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Possibly there is no enterprise fostered by our denomination that is given less attention, and more meagre support than this. Only \$33.68 to be distributed among the four beneficiaries of our Association last year! There are no class of men on earth called upon to make greater sacrifices, self-denial, and endure more deprivations and hardships for the glory of God and good of men, than the preachers of the gospel.

They are almost universally in the beginning of their ministry financially poor, very limited in education, and men of families. Salaries small, based on verbal promises rarely ever paid promptly and in full. And as such but few Baptist preachers ever have more than just a bare living, even in the prime of their ministerial life; and consequently, the longer he preaches the poorer he gets, and as he approaches old age, and the tide of life drifts him down the stream of time into his declining years, then should they and their widows be the object of the churches' care.

Your committee would recommend that a committee be appointed to investigate and report on the eligibility, necessity and condition of the beneficiaries of the aged and infirm ministers' fund. And that the fund be placed to the benefit of such as are eligible according to their necessities and condition. We earnestly recommend that our churches give this enterprise more attention, and a better support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FENDLEY, Chairman.

After remarks by J. H. Fendley, W. A. Parker and J. W. Stewart the report was adopted. J. A. Bolen, C. W. Burge and T. J. Prim were appointed to carry out the requests of the report.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Rev. A. J. Dickinson, of Selma, would preach at 11 a. m; that Rev. J. W. Stewart, of Evergreen, preach 7:30 p. m.; 11 o'clock sermon by Bro. Dickinson, after which the Association adjourned till 2 p. m.

2 P. M. Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by S. O. Y. Ray.

In the absence of a report of the committee on the Orphans' Home, Bro. J. W. Stewart read the following printed report:

### THE LOUISE SHORT BAPTIST WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME OF ALABAMA.

Our Orphanage is now permanently located at Evergreen. The first steps taken towards its establishment were taken by Mrs. Woodson, when five years ago she gave to the Baptists of Alabama certain valuable property for the maintenance of a Baptist Widows' and Orphans's Home. This good sister has turned over to us all of her

real estate, worth several thousand dollars, to be after her death for this great purpose, except the Florida property, which she has given for immediate use.

The Home was not actually started, however, till two years ago, when in a small rented house it was opened, on the 10th day of March with three inmates.

We have received in the Home 48 children, of whom 24 are girls and 24 are boys, and have sent out by adoption 11, and 1 by apprenticeship.

The boys are taught to do farm work, and the girls do various kinds of house work.

The older children attend school at the Academy, and the younger ones are taught in the Home. They attend Sunday School and church, and Sunday afternoon they engage in singing and reciting Scripture. Seven of the children have been baptized. These have organized a child's prayer meeting, in which they themselves lead.

In November, 1893, to make room for our large and growing family, a permanent home was purchased, consisting of the Y. M. Rabb place, eighty acres of land lying on Main street, with a substantial brick residence with ten rooms. Money is greatly needed to improve this property so as to add four more dormitories, a dining room and kitchen, and a school room. The property was bought for \$5,000, to be paid in three annual installments, with interest on the deferred payments. The first was paid when due. The second, amounting to about \$1,800, was due January 1st, 1895, on which a balance of \$273 is still due.

The third and last payment, amounting to about \$1,930, will be due January 1st, 1896.

I want every Baptist church, every friend of the Home, and every one who wishes these poor children well, to send something to aid in making this last payment.

The current expenses of the Home are about \$200 per month.

"The righteous considereth the cause of the poor." (Prov. 29:7.)

JOHN W. STEWART,

Financial Secretary Baptist Orphanage.

Evergreen, Ala.

Which was requested printed. We also gave some account of the work being done. He was followed by S. A. Adams. It was agreed that we take a collection to-night after the sermon for the Home.

J. H. Creighton read the report on State Missions as follows:

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee ask to submit the following report on State Missions. The State Mission work is the basis of all missionary operations in our state. To the State Board of Missions has been committed the Bible and Colportage work, Ministerial Education and the collection of funds for the Home and Foreign Boards. And just to the extent our own state is evangelized, just to that extent will we contribute to the evangelization of the world. During the year ending June 30th, 1895, the State Board of Missions has had forty men employed; of these, thirteen were doing Colportage work. In this report we can give only a synopsis of the work done by them, viz: days of service 5011; sermons delivered 2332; churches constituted 1; number of persons baptized 337; baptisms by others in connection

with their work 369; received by letter 305; restored 42; Sunday Schools organized 43; ladies missionary societies organized 10; prayer meetings organized 101; churches visited 613; secured 287 subscribers to Alabama Baptist to Foreign Mission Journal 129; meeting houses commenced 7; meeting houses finished 8; collection for building meeting houses \$477.90; collection for missions \$1,575.27; for ministerial education \$15.75; for Bible and colportage work \$42.40; for orphans' home \$92.80. To do this work the board has received from all sources \$7,748.86. The church letters show that this Association contributed only \$141.98, a falling off of \$31.29 of the year before. Until our pastors become more missionary in spirit and in practice, there is not much hope of improvement on the part of our churches. Will not the pastors of this Association awake up to a fuller measure of their duty and try to double the collection the next Associational year. Much has been done by our board, but there remains much more to be done. Will not our pastors take hold of the work and push it to its utmost extent. We pray God that they will.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CREIGHTON, Chairman.

After the report was discussed by A. J. Dickinson and others it was adopted.

The Association adjourned to meet Saturday 9:30 a. m.

J. W. Stewart preached 7:15 p. m. After the sermon collected \$25.37 for the home.

### THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Bro. Whatley conducted the devotional exercises.

The report on Home Missions was read as follows, by W. A. Parker:

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The outlook for Home Missions was never more encouraging than at present, as indicated by the report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Board at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention. When we observe the growth of the work of this board since its organization in 1845, and especially, the truly phenomenal success which has marked its history under the guidance of Dr. Tichenor, the present Corresponding Secretary, our hearts bound with gratitude to God, and we are satisfied that this board is indeed a revelation of the Divine Hand, in the management of missions, within the Southern Baptist Convention. In his report Dr. Tichenor says: "The increase of missionaries over last year has been nearly 12 per cent, of receipts 20 per cent, and of baptisms 32 per cent;" and this in the face of hard times and low prices in all manner of money products. We should take courage and press on. But amid these causes for joy, my brethren of this Association, we should feel deepest regret that we are fallen off in our contributions to this important work. In 1894 we contributed \$76.96, and this year 1895, we have contributed only \$42.85, which leaves \$34.11 deficit, and this speaks to our shame.

There are features of this department of missions that it would not be amiss to embody in this report:

(1) Much of the work of this board consists in the establishment of churches on the Frontiers; the borders of Texas, and in the Indian Territory.

(2) And immense labors are also expended, and much money needed, evangelizing the foreign and Catholic population that continuously drift to our shores.

(3) We have, in the humble opinion of your committee, a direct charge from God in the negro population of the South. The negro, Catholic and foreign elements menace the purity both of religion and society, and if the pure Religion of Christ does not at our instance invade the superstition, false ideas of social law, and the political corruptions of the day, restore purity, impart right conceptions of the true relation of man to man and of all men to God, then indeed will it take an inspired prophet to forecast the social and religious disorder that will prevail in the next century of our history. Brethren, God holds us responsible for the purity of religion in this southern country.

(4) Cuba, as already understood, is a very important point in the "Home Field." Here enlarged plans of operations had been outlined, which the breaking out of the war there has indefinitely postponed.

Notwithstanding the war, however, Diaz, that wonderful leader of Cuban Baptists, makes progress with his work, and the truth that "God maketh the wrath of man to praise him, and the residue of wrath he restraineth," is being clearly demonstrated on this Island. The hostilities to which, on both sides, our Baptist people hold themselves neutral, afford opportunities for active Christian work, and we can but prophesy that God will overrule this war to His own glory, in the religious benefit of the poor priest-ridden people of Cuba. Your committee believes that in the main our people need only to be informed as to the great demand in the home fields, in order to active co-operative beneficence. Hence, would recommend our pastors to preach upon the necessities, etc., of this field, at least once during this winter and take collections for this cause. We would further recommend that the "Mission Journal," a consolidation of former mission papers, be subscribed for and read by all the members.

Respectfully submitted,  
WM. A. PARKER, Sr., Chairman.

S. A. Adams read report on Foreign Missions.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee make the following report: That in God's Word, the highest authority—nothing is more plainly taught than our duty to engage in missionary work. As to the importance of the work, we are not only taught in the Bible, but it is demonstrated by the direct as well as reflex influence of missionary effort. That man, church or denomination, that is anti-missionary in spirit is not a Christian. If anti-missionary in practice they are void of the joy and strength of the Christian religion, and powerless as a factor in the kingdom of God.

With these facts taught us in God's word and proven by observation and experience, how strange that we are doing comparatively so little in this department of the Master's work.

We know nothing of especial interest to be reported in Foreign mission work for the past year. About the same fields are being occupied with about the same forces. About nine of our missionaries have returned home for rest, or from broken health; two died on the

field and one at sea. Six appointments have been made. There were 581 baptisms during the last conventional year. Considerable interest is being given to establishing of schools in foreign fields, and fine results are already being had from them. There were over \$130,000 raised by the Southern Baptist Convention last year, a little more than usual. I do not know how much was raised in foreign fields, but to our shame there was more raised per capita by the converted heathen than by the Christians of this gospel favored land. About 92 cents out of a dollar collected by the board for Foreign missions is paid to the missionary. This does not include the expense of collecting the funds in the states, which is an average of about five per cent, and which makes about 87 cents that reaches the missionary.

Alabama raised last year for foreign missions \$7,503.87, at an expense of \$523.10.

It would be unjust in this report not to mention the fact, that the Christian women of the South raised the sum of \$24,933.64. About one-sixth of the money raised for foreign missions in Alabama last year was raised by the ladies' missionary societies. We are unable to say just what has been done in our Association in this direction, but feel safe in saying that the contributions for foreign missions are smaller than usual. We are not able to give a satisfactory reason for it.

S. A. ADAMS, Chairman.

After being discussed by S. O. Y. Ray, W. A. Parker and J. H. Fendley, the report was adopted.

The Association adjourned till 2 p. m.

The Association was called to order at 2 p. m. by the Moderator.

Prayer by J. H. Fendley.

The committee appointed to ascertain the eligibility of the beneficiaries of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund submitted the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers, after diligent inquiry and investigation, find that sisters Dewitt, Hickson and Everett are eligible to receive the funds appropriated for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BOLEN,  
T. J. PRIM,  
C. W. BURGE,  
Committee.

Bro. Dunn read the following report on Temperance:

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee has nothing of special importance to communicate or suggest. Within our associational limits the same happy state of things exists that has been noticed for several years. Our territory is not defiled by the appearance or the existence of the grog shop or the drinking saloon, and as a church and people, we should endeavor to maintain the advanced position which we now hold, and strive to make additional inroads upon the domain of the whisky enemy—our greatest enemy—who walks in darkness and destroys at noonday. It is the sense of your committee that, as a de-

nomination, we should strive earnestly and unremittingly for a higher standard of temperance and sobriety, and to discourage in every proper way the private purchase and use of intoxicating liquors, believing that total abstinence is the only safe rule in this matter, and that we should talk it and preach it and pray for it until our people are educated to so regard it and to so act in reference to it.

This committee believes that the world is growing wiser and better in the matter of intemperance as well as in other sins. The light of knowledge and of religion is growing and strengthening and spreading, and will continue to grow and brighten until the fullness of the blessed time foretold by great voices in heaven, saying: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

ISAAC GRANT, Chairman.

After remarks by S. A. Adams, J. H. Fendley, J. W. Dickinson and W. A. Parker, the report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Chairman Dunn. After remarks by S. O. Y. Ray, W. W. Whatley, J. W. Dickinson, Dunn, Parker and others, the report was amended and adopted as amended:

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

That "a little learning is a dangerous thing" is true to-day, will be to-morrow and for all time to come. It is true with reference to all classes and professions of men, but most forcibly so when applied to that of the minister.

We, as citizens, recognize it when we enact laws requiring our teachers, physicians, dentists and lawyers to show their aptness for their chosen calling before allowing them to stand forth and proclaim themselves as such.

Surely, if we, as citizens, require certificates of qualification from those to whom we entrust our temporal interests, we, as Christians, should by all means be equally careful as to those to whom we commit our spiritual welfare.

It is indeed an anomaly that we should require that our teachers, doctors, dentists and lawyers be prepared to enter the various fields of their several callings, but should be so wholly neglectful as to the ability and preparation of him who is to teach us of "the rich spiritual kingdom;" of him who is to direct us along the "straight and narrow way" that leads to Christ and heaven.

But while we need education among the ministry, we are also as needless of it in the pew. This latter we will not have until we obtain the former, for Jesus himself said, "The disciple is not above his master." If the people are taught by men who are not prepared for the purpose, and are not able to impart this knowledge to others, they "will be blind leaders of the blind."

Certainly they will fall in the ditch of error and of sin, and it were better for all had they never attempted to teach.

We are all agreed that we should have an educated ministry, for I doubt if there is a member of this body who has not contributed to this fund; but these contributions have been made in a perfunctory way from year to year without any marked advancement on this line, or any definite plan in view. Nor have our contributions been what they should. When we compare them and our membership in South Bethel Association of nearly 3,000, we find that we have given to this cause the sum of only \$65.16.

If we are to reach and maintain our proper position in the religious world we must indeed awake from this lethargic sleep that has had possession of us so long. We must establish some standard of qualification which must be attained by those who aspire to so high and noble a calling, before permitting them to stand forth as teachers in Christ's name.

Doddridge truly says, "a minister must be a person of such natural abilities, and is instructed in the doctrines of christianity, as that he should be fit to teach publicly."

And Dr. Clarke also says, "he should be capable of teaching; not only wise himself, but ready to communicate his wisdom to others."

And Scott says, "he must be ready at teaching, both capable of instructing others, and prompt to embrace every occasion of doing it."

Let us then, in view of the responsible duties of a minister as a teacher and leader, recommend that hereafter our churches require that the applicant for ordination stand a rigid Bible examination. We must adhere to the Bible standard of qualifications for the ministry as laid down by the Apostle Paul in the 3rd chapter of his Epistle to Timothy. Believing that Christ did not send out any of his apostles until they had been with him two or two and one-half years learning of his doctrines.

Let us not continue to require a higher degree of proficiency from those who deal with the affairs of this life, than those who deal with the things of the life eternal.

Wm. D. DUNN, Chairman.

The committee on Preaching reported that J. W. Dickinson would preach to-night at 7:15.

The committee on Nominations, etc., made the following report which was adopted:

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS, DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.

Your committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests beg leave to submit the following report on Nominations. We suggest that any brother visiting sister Associations from ours be authorized to represent us. We recommend that Elder S. A. Adams preach the Introductory sermon at the next convention of this body with Rev. R. J. W. DeWitt as alternate.

That Jas. H. Creighton preach a missionary sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday, J. H. Fendley alternate.

That Red Bud and Good Will churches be recognized as members of this body.

To the Southern Baptist Convention we suggest J. H. Fendley delegate, and W A. Parker, sr. alternate. That the next Convention of this body convene with the Elim Baptist church, Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Your committee having finished their work respectfully asked to be discharged.

W. F. FIELDS,  
T. L. WILLIAMS,  
N. J. ETHRIDGE, Committee.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—W. H. Dewitt, S. A. Adams, J. H. Creighton, J. H. Fendley, W. A. Parker, R. J. W. Dewitt, J. R. Cowan, W. D. Dunn, Isaac Grant, Geo. F. Nichols.

The Association adjourned till after preaching to-night.

7:15. Sermon by J. W. Dickinson. After the sermon the Association was called to order by the Moderator. On motion, Bro. L. A. Williamson was adopted by the Association as a beneficiary of the Ministerial Education fund, and the following were appointed to receive funds and to look after the education of Bro. Williamson, with instructions that if they receive sufficient means they also help W. E. Fendley in going to school—W. D. Dunn, Isaac Grant, W. W. Daffin, J. H. Creighton, J. H. Fendley.

Bro. S. O. Y. Ray presented the claims of the Judson Institute, urging all Baptists to send their daughters to same.

Adjourned till 9:30 a. m. Sunday.

SUNDAY, 9:30 A. M. The Association called to order by the Moderator. Bro. Parker conducted devotional services.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committees. (See last page minutes.)

The Treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1894.

J. H. CREIGHTON,  
In Account with South Bethel Association:

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Oct. 7.	To amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$347 95
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Oct. 8.	By amount paid Mrs. Everett.....	\$ 6 72
	Mrs. Kelley.....	6 72
	Mrs. Dewitt.....	6 12
	Mrs. S. A. Adams.....	25 28
" 9.	W. B. Crumpton.....	208 56
	J. W. Stewart.....	26 00
20.	Mrs. D. Adams.....	6 72
	" E. S. Hickson.....	6 72
Nov. 12.	Alabama Printing Co. for Minutes.....	25 00
	Clerk's fee.....	15 00
Dec. 5.	W. B. Crumpton .....	15 04
	Total.....	\$347 95

The roll was called and corrected.

Dr. G. S. Chapman read the following report on Religious Literature:

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

To weaken the mighty arm of the blacksmith or pugilist, simply don't use it.

To dwarf the brightest Christian character in all the land, it is not necessary to commit outright sin, but simply don't read.

To make mere figure-heads, anti-missionaries, anti-Christians, etc., out of every one of the 3,000 members of the Baptist churches in South Bethel Association, just let everybody fail to read our literature and the Bible and we will soon have it; indeed, we already have it to a

shameful extent, due to that very cause--not reading.

Why is it so hard to raise the funds to meet the demands on our denomination? Largely because our people don't read and inform themselves as to what is trying to be done. Those who read most generally help most, and vice versa. It is a deplorable fact that so few of our people take and read the Alabama Baptist, our Mission Journal, to say nothing of the volumes of other literature that should be in every family. In the family is the place to do this work, and every Baptist family in this Association should feel it their duty to subscribe for and read our papers and other literature. Then we can hope to counteract the baneful influence of the trashy, evil literature with which our country is flooded and which is getting into our homes and read by our young people, poisoning their minds and making them easy victims for the enemy of souls.

This committee insists that it is the duty of the head of every family to procure good, wholesome literature—religious literature—for the family, just as much or more than to procure good and wholesome food.

G. S. CHAPMAN.

After a few remarks by Dr. Chapman the report was adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by W. D. Dunn, who had been added to committee during present session. [Report failed to come in possession of the Clerk.]

After remarks by W. D. Dunn, S. A. Adams and W. A. Parker the report was adopted.

11 O'CLOCK—Mission Sermon was preached by W. H. Dewitt, from Acts 1:8. S. O. Y. Ray preached same hour in the Presbyterian church. At the close of the services a collection was taken for missions amounting to \$17.35. The Association adjourned till 2 p. m.

The Association was called to order at 2 p. m. by Moderator. Prayer by J. H. Creighton.

The Clerk read the report on Woman's Work for the committee as follows:

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee beg leave to report on Womans' Work as follows: As far as our own observation and from what we gather from others, we conclude that the Woman's Aid Society is a good plan for raising funds for the support of benevolent enterprises which we foster as a missionary people. Therefore, we would earnestly recommend and urge upon every church to have a society organized of the ladies and kept up by the dues each month, collect them regularly and promptly, and let it be a free will offering, in behalf of the millions of perishing souls in heathen lands going down to eternal woe every day.

Sisters, wake up to your whole duty and leave no stone unturned. Let your motto be onward and upward, and the great I Am will abundantly bless and reward your labors of love. Organize at once, and let the report be read from every church at our next Association of what a good work our sisters are accomplishing.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. BURGE.

After remarks by S. A. Adams, J. W. Dickinson and S. O. Y. Ray the report was adopted.

The Association requested Bro. Ray to furnish the Alabama Baptist with a report of this session.

On motion, the Clerk be paid \$15 out of the funds sent up for Minutes, and that he spend the balance in having the Minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to the amounts sent by the churches.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay over all the funds as indicated in the church letters.

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to Jackson church and vicinity for the hospitable entertainment of this Association.

The Committee on Apportionment recommend that the amounts asked for from the churches remain the same as last year, except that Red Bud be asked to raise \$15.00 and Good Will \$10.00.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was adopted :

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee has received the following amounts from the churches and the collections at the Association :

Cash for Home Missions	\$ 47 85
Foreign Missions	49 42
State Missions	54 66
Bible and Colportage	11 55
Indigent Ministers	39 61
Ministerial Education	16 25
Orphan's Home	42 76
Minutes	37 04
 Total cash	\$299 14
Total amount of vouchers for all purposes	261 83
 Aggregate cash and vouchers	\$560 97

W. M. MOBLEY,  
H. P. W. HOWELL,  
S. A. COWAN,  
Committee.

Received from River Hill church since the Association adjourned, \$9.25. (See Financial Exhibit.)

TREASURER.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Elam church on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1896.

W. H. DEWITT, MODERATOR.

J. H. CREIGHTON, Clerk.

AMOUNTS ASKED FOR BY THE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indig'nt Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	Bible and Coiportage.	Orphan's Home.	Total for each Church.
Amity.....	\$ 8 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 4 00	\$25 00
Antioch.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.50	.25	2 00	7 75
Bassett's Creek.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	4 00	25 00
Cane Creek.....	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	17 00
Canetouchy.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.50	.50	1 00	7 00
Deep Creek.....	25 00	12 50	12 50	6 00	7 00	1 00	10 00	74 00
Elam.....	15 00	8 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	50 00
Eunon.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	25 00
Evergreen.....	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	16 00
Forest Springs.....	15 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	18 00	65 00
Good Hope.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.50	2 00	10 00
Grove Hill.....	25 00	12 50	12 50	6 00	5 00	1 00	8 00	70 00
Hoboken.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	25 00
Horeb.....	5 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	.50	5 50	18 00
Hopewell.....	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	.50	.50	2 00	10 00
Independence.....	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	.50	.50	2 00	10 00
Jackson.....	7 00	3 50	3 50	2 00	3 00	1 00	10 00	30 00
Lower Peach Tree.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	25 00
Mount Gilead.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	25 00
Mount Vernon.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	25 00
Midway.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	30 00
New Prospect.....	5 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	.50	2 50	15 00
Penel.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	25 00
Pine Hill.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	30 00
Pleasant Grove.....	6 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	.50	3 50	18 00
Putnam.....	6 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	.50	3 50	20 00
River Hill.....	10 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	30 00
Rockville.....	5 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	.50	2 50	15 00
Round Hill.....	8 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	.50	2 00	20 00
Salem.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	12 00	40 00
Stave Creek.....	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	.50	4 50	15 00
Suggsville.....	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	.50	4 50	15 00
Thomasville.....	16 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	8 00	50 00
Ulconush.....	16 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	8 00	50 00
West Bend.....	16 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	5 00	46 00
Witch Creek.....	6 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	.50	4 50	20 00
Friendship.....	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.50	2 50	15 00
Red Bud.....	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.50	2 50	15 00
Good Will.....	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.50	50	10 00

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SOUTH BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES.	HOME EXPENSES.					
	State Missions.			Home Missions.		
	Foreign Missions.			Indig'nt Minist'r's		
	Bible and Colportage.			Ministerial Education.		
	Orphan's Home.			Minutes.		
	Total.			Repairs, Etc.		
	Poor.	School Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Total.	Grand Total.	
Amity	\$ 3.05	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.66	\$ 2.60	\$ 1.00
Antioch	1.00	1.00	1.00	.25	.25	.25
Bassett's Creek	1.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.40
Cause Creek	50	50	50	1.00	1.00	1.00
Canefootchy						
Deep Creek	27.44	12.50	12.50	6.00	1.00	2.22
Elam	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Elion						
Evergreen	4.50	2.25	2.25	1.00	1.00	1.00
Forest Springs	8.00	5.00	5.00	4.00	1.00	4.00
Friendship	75	50	50	50	50	50
Good Hope	70	50	50	50	50	50
Good Will						
Grove Hill	8.26	5.25	5.25	3.00	2.00	12.00
Hoboken	3.25	1.60	1.60	1.25	1.00	1.25
Horeb	2.55	1.75	2.06	1.20	.75	.75
Hopewell	50	1.20	1.20	1.20	.75	.75
Independent						
Jackson	12.83	1.00	3.83	—	21.47	11.25
Lover Peach Tree						
Mount Gilhead	2.95	3.90	1.19	4.00	50	2.50
Mount Vernon						
Midway	2.56	1.00	1.55	1.00	78	1.00
New Prospect						
Peniel	4.70	2.10	5.60	3.00	50	1.00
Pine Hill	12.10	3.00	3.00	1.00	—	5.00
Pleasant Grove						
Rubain	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	40	1.00
Red Bud						
River Hill	2.05	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Rockville	5.00	2.00	1.70	—	50	1.00
Rond Hill						
Salem	1.75	1.65	1.65	—	50	1.00
Sugsville						
Stave Creek	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	50	1.00
Thornasylvie	3.50	2.00	16.20	6.00	1.30	4.00
Uptonish	8.75	1.50	8.00	4.00	1.00	2.00
West Bend	16.00	1.50	1.00	1.00	4.00	5.00
Witch Creek	3.00	1.80	1.00	1.00	50	1.00
Sunday School Convention						
Collections at Association	4.00	4.85	9.39	—	25.37	42.76

# STATISTICS OF SOUTH BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1895.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

CHURCH.

COUNTRY.

PASTOR.

CLERK.

CLERK'S P. O.

SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND  
POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
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Increase by	Decrease by	Membership last Reported.
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Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.
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Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.
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Death.	Present Membership.	Officers and Teachers.
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Pupils.	Sabbath School.	Sunday School.
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CHURCH.	COUNTRY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.		
						MEMBERSHIP	INCREASE	DECREASE
Anuity	Clarke	R. K. Benson	J. T. Foreman	Whatley	70	1	1	71
Autioch	"	J. V. Stringer	H. C. Cabaniss	Neatlon	28	5	6	39
Bassetts Creek	"	R. J. W. Devitt	Charles Hendley	Bethelton	182	9	5	30
Cane Creek	Wilcox	W. E. Pendleton	R. L. Morgan	Pine Hill	50	7	2	53
*Carteret	Clarke	R. J. W. Devitt			30			
Deep Creek	Marengo	W. H. Devitt	G. F. Nichols	Nicholsville	101	4	1	100
Elbow	Clarke	J. H. Pendleton	G. W. Rivers	Glover	150	5	1	155
Fawn	Wilcox	W. V. Vice	G. W. Weatherly	Pine Hill	50	5	3	52
Evergreen	Clarke	W. A. Parker, Jr.	W. T. Bradley	Glenon	38	1	1	39
Forest Springs	Marengo	J. H. Pendleton	J. D. Little	Morvin	170	6	4	190
Friendship	Clarke	A. W. Ellingside	J. E. Purvis	Coffeyville	35	4	3	36
Good Hope	"	L. A. Williamson	W. F. Prugh	Grove Hill	52	5	1	57
Good Will	"	R. W. Thorp	W. M. Lavender	"	12	2	2	42
Grove Hill	"	S. A. Adams	Clayton Foseue	"	13	1	1	29
Hoboken	Marengo	J. L. Tucker	M. L. Tucker	Nicholsville	98	3	2	113
Horeb	"	J. H. Creighton	J. H. Creighton	Nicholsville	44	3	2	47
Hopewell	"	J. D. Hudson	H. J. Roberts	Clarkesville	74	8	2	90
Independence	Wilcox	R. E. Anderson	R. E. Anderson	Pine Hill	59	2	2	59
Jackson	Clarke	S. A. Adams	G. S. Chapman	Jackson	21	5	2	27
Lower Peach Tree	Wilcox	J. M. Adams	M. Adams	Lower Peach Tree	72	5	1	78
Mt. Gillett	"	J. H. Creighton	J. N. Jones	Glenon	57	1	1	59
Mt. Vernon	"	T. F. Pendleton	A. Pendleton	Atkeson	72	1	1	73
Midway	"	C. W. Burge	C. W. Pendleton	Tallatalla Springs	138	5	1	141
New Prospect	"	A. W. Ellingside	R. L. Carter	Clarkeville Springs	86	5	1	91
Pewee	"	J. H. Creighton	E. M. Flemming	Neatlon	66	8	4	72
Pine Hill	Wilcox	S. A. Adams	C. L. Mason	Pine Hill	28	2	1	31
Pleasant Grove	Clarke	J. V. Stringer	J. P. Pitman	Tattilaba	82	14	2	97
Putnum	Marengo	W. H. Devitt	E. D. Little	Putnam	57	1	1	68
Red Bud	"	J. H. Creighton	John Lewis	Matcon	41	3	1	48
River Hill	"	J. H. Pendleton	T. J. Prin	Saltlpa	116	13	1	120
Rockville	"	J. V. Stringer	F. Blackwell	Singleton	82	5	2	87
Round Hill	"	R. K. Benson	J. J. Norwood	Thomasville	5	3	1	13
Salem	"	"	R. S. Kennedy	Nettleboro	62	1	1	63
Sugleville	"	S. A. Adams	J. C. Jowers	Sugleville	150	8	1	151
Stave Creek	"	R. J. W. Devitt	H. P. Howell	Jackson	21	2	1	22
Thomassville	"	W. A. Parker	W. F. Fields	Thomassville	63	7	1	70
West Bend	"	J. L. Tucker	J. D. Bedwell	West Bend	20	7	3	111
Witch Greek	"	W. A. Parker	W. F. Thornton	Coffeyville	176	6	1	176
Total.	"	J. L. Tucker	E. T. Wiggin	Coffeyville	72	16	3	87
					2760	249	21	82
*As reported two years ago.					3523	3338	116	938

### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. H. Dewitt	Nicholsville,	Alabama.
R. J. W. Dewitt	Jackson,	"
William Hill	Whatley,	"
J. V. Stringer	Jackson,	"
S. A. Adams	Jackson,	"
W. A. Parker	Thomasville,	"
J. H. Fendley	Behrman,	"
A. W. Ethridge	Morvin,	"
J. D. Hudson	Thomasville,	"
W. W. Whatley	Winn	"
R. K. Benson	Nettleboro,	"
L. A. Williamson	Grove Hill,	"
J. H. Creighton	Whatley,	"
W. E. Fendley	Talcott,	"
Kerridge	Thomasville,	"
W. A. Tharp	Vashti,	"
R. J. Rodgers	Whatley,	"

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### STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Bible and Colportage—G. W. Smith, J. W. Nichols, T. L. Williams.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—J. D. Hudson, Geo. P. Crenshaw, W. H. White.

On Orphan's Home—R. J. W. Dewitt, Dr. T. J. Prim, J. A. Bolen.

On Temperance—J. R. Cowan, W. M. Mobley, J. V. Stringer.

On State Missions—S. A. Adams, Neal Autery, J. W. Gibson.

On Home Missions—J. H. Fendley, W. J. Smith, W. W. Whatley.

On Education—W. D. Dunn, C. W. Burge, Dr. B. Boroughs.

On Religious Literature—R. K. Benson, W. E. Fendley, J. J. Bullock.

On Woman's Work—Mrs. E. H. Woodard, Miss Leslie Daffin, Miss Bama Nichols.

On Sunday Schools—W. L. Henderson, Dr. G. S. Chapman, John F. Murphy.

On Order of Business—J. H. Creighton, L. A. Williamson, Isaac Grant.



